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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBY-
 TERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.—SESSION XXVIII.
 PITTSBURGH, MAY, 1851.

Pittsburgh, May 21st, 1851, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America met, pursuant to adjournment, in the 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Samuel Wylie, from Acts v. 37: "And we are his witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them who obey him."

After sermon the Moderator constituted the Synod by prayer, whereupon Synod adjourned, to meet at the same place at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Proceeded to ascertain the members, when it appeared that the following appointments had been made by the respective Presbyteries:—

Northern Presbytery—Rev. Dr. M'Leod, A. G. Wylie, D. J. Patterson, Alexander Clarke, Henry Gordon, R. A. Hill, J. B. Finlay, Ph. D., W. S. Darragh—General Alternate, A. R. Gailey, Ministers; and James N. Gifford, Daniel Stewart, J. Sample, R. Ferguson, W. Craig, John M'Lure, W. Cooper—General Alternates, Moses Speers, William Cunningham, Ruling Elders.

Philadelphia Presbytery—Rev. Dr. Wylie, Dr. Crawford, T. W. J. Wylie, R. J. Black, W. Sterret, M. Smyth, Ministers; and Clement M'Cune, R. Guy, A. Boyd, W. Montgomery—Alternate, S. Teas, Joseph Fleming—Alternate, H. Alexander, W. Stuart, Ruling Elders.

Pittsburgh Presbytery—Rev. T. C. Guthrie, G. Scott, A. W. Black, J. Hutchman, John Nevin, D. Herron, R. M'Cracken, J. Douglas, Ministers; and W. Hutchman, J. Scott, H. Sterling, J. R. Gormly, J. M'Fann, Abraham Jordan, W. Early, Elias Radcliff—Alternates, James M'Vicker, N. Eüwer, A. Harshaw, S. Boyd, W. Brown, John Black, T. Smith, W. M'Kenzie, Ruling Elders.

Presbytery of Ohio—Rev. Dr. M'Master, H. M'Millan, Dr. Heron, E. Cooper, T. Flavel—General Alternate, G. M'Millan, Ministers; and John Reed, Thomas Little, J. M'Cormick, T. Gowdey, Alternates with the above named—Daniel M'Millan, John Little, J. Weir, J. Orr, Ruling Elders.

Western Presbytery—Rev. S. Wylie, John M'Master, Theophilus

A. Wylie, M. Harshaw, John W. Morrison, H. A. M'Kelvy, G. M. Lamb, J. Pearson—General Alternate, A. M. Stewart, Ministers; and Dr. R. Marshall, R. M'Curdy, T. Floyd, G. H. Caskey, R. Barlass, John Richmond, D. B. Woodburn, W. M'Cornack, Ruling Elders.

Presbytery of Saharanpur—No representation.

The roll of Synod, as completed, is as follows: Rev. John Niel M'Leod, D.D., Andrew Gifford Wylie, Alexander Clarke, Samuel B. Wylie, D.D., T. W. J. Wylie, John Agnew Crawford, Robert John Black, William Sterret, Matthew Smyth, Thomas C. Guthrie, George Scott, Andrew W. Black, John Nevin, Josiah Hutchman, David Herron, John Douglas, Gilbert M'Master, D. D., Hugh M'Millan, Andrew Heron, D.D., Ebenezer Cooper, Thomas Flavel, Samuel Wylie, John M'Master, Michael Harshaw, Hugh A. M'Kelvey, George M. Lamb, James Pearson, Ministers; and Clement M'Cune, Joseph Fleming, Henry Sterling, John Black, Elias Radcliff, William Early, John H. Gormly, Andrew Harshaw, James Scott, William Hutchman, John Reed, John Little, John Richmond, Robert Marshall, M. D., Ruling Elders.

Absent—Rev. David J. Patterson, Henry Gordon, Robert A. Hill, J. Borland Finlay, Ph. D., William Stavely Darragh, Andrew R. Gailey, Saml. W. Crawford, D. D., Robt. M'Cracken, Gavin M'Millan, Theophilus A. Wylie, Alexander M. Stewart, John W. Morrison, James R. Campbell, Joseph Caldwell, John S. Woodside, Ministers.

Proceeded to the choice of Officers. Whereupon Rev. Gilbert M'Master, D. D., was appointed Moderator, Rev. John N. M'Leod, D. D., was continued Stated Clerk, and Rev. Andrew W. Black, Assistant.

The minutes of the last session of Synod were read throughout, as already approved.

The stated Clerk presented to Synod for inspection the "Book of Records," into which the entire minutes of the Supreme Judicatory for more than fifty years had been engrossed, in a fair and legible hand, whereupon it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Stated Clerk, for the care and attention he had manifested in the preservation of the records; and that the bill for engrossment be paid by Synod. The Clerk acknowledged with gratitude the resolution of thanks tendered by Synod, and stated that he had no demands against the treasury in reference to the subject.

Proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business, according to the docket.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that they had nothing at present to report.

The report of the Presbytery of Saharanpur, N. India, was presented by the Stated Clerk. It was read, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports, to be appointed.

Resolved, That in future the sittings of Synod shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 12, M., and from 3 till 5 o'clock, P. M., until further ordered.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, May 22d—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before, with the addition of Rev. Dr. Heron.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the standing Committees as follows:—

Committee on Discipline—Rev. Dr. Wylie, H. M'Millan, and Dr. R. Marshall.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Rev. Dr. M'Leod, T. W. J. Wylie.

Committee on the Signs of the Times—Rev. George Scott, Josiah Hutchman, M. Harshaw, R. J. Black, and James Scott, W. Early, J. Richmond.

Committee on the Theological Seminary—Rev. John M'Master, Samuel Wylie, Thomas Flavel, A. W. Black, W. Sterret, A. G. Wylie.

Committee on Presbyterial Reports—Rev. A. Clarke, John Nevin, T. C. Guthrie, and John Richmond.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. E. Cooper, J. Douglas, H. M'Kelvey, and W. Hutchman.

Committee on Supplies—Rev. H. M'Millan, A. Clarke, T. W. J. Wylie, D. Herron, G. M. Lamb.

Committee on Finance—Rev. J. M'Master, and J. Reed, H. Sterling, J. R. Gormly.

The Philadelphia and Western Presbyteries presented their reports. They were read, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

Rev. H. M'Millan, on behalf of the Committee, reported a draft of a pastoral letter.

It was moved and seconded, that the report be accepted and adopted.

A division of the motion was ordered by Synod on the call of two members.

Resolved, That the report be accepted for consideration.

It was moved and seconded, that the report be read paragraph by paragraph, with a view to adoption. Pending this, it was on motion

Resolved, That the draft be recommitted to the reporting Committee. Rev. John Nevin was added to the Committee.

A communication signed "Robert Fee" was presented, read and referred to the Western Presbytery.

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Stirling be appointed Treasurer pro tem. Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Agnew Crawford be admitted to a seat in Synod. Mr. Crawford took his seat accordingly.

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. J. Wylie be appointed treasurer pro tem., in place of Mr. Henry Sterling, resigned.

The Pittsburgh Presbytery presented their report. It was read and accepted for consideration. A motion having been made for its reference to the committee on Presbyterial reports, a discussion arose on the proposed ordination of two licentiates who had accepted of calls within the bounds of said Presbytery, but had not yet been a year in connexion with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Pending this, the following resolution was offered,—*Resolved*, That the Pittsburgh Presbytery, under the circumstances, have leave to ordain the young men, if found

qualified. Pending this, Synod adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, May 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Ohio Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

The superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the West presented their report. It was accepted, and referred to the committee on the Theological Seminary.

The committee to reply to reasons of dissent of Rev. T. C. Guthrie and others, presented at last Synod, reported their answer. The reasons of dissent were read. The reply was also read. Whereupon, on motion, the answer was accepted and approved.—See documents A and B, in the Appendix.

Proceeded to the unfinished business. The motion of Rev. G. Scott, as above, was withdrawn, and the resolution to refer the report of the Pittsburgh Presbytery to the committee on Presbyterian reports was adopted.

Memorials from certain individuals in the congregations of Eden and Concord, Ill.; Garrison, Indiana; Massies' Creek and Xenia, Ohio; and from the Pittsburgh Presbytery, asking a review of Synod's action of last year, in regard to Pittsburgh Presbytery and Rev. W. Wilson, were presented and read. Being accepted for consideration, they were, on motion, referred to a special committee, to be composed of a member from each Presbytery.

Dr. Heron's reasons of dissent from Synod's action of last year, in the case of Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Rev. T. C. Guthrie's protest in reference to the same case were read and ordered on the record.

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. J. Wylie and Dr. M'Leod be a committee to answer both these documents.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The chair announced the special committee on the memorials. They are Rev. Dr. M'Leod, John M'Master, Hugh M'Millan, John Nevin and William Sterret.

The Northern Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

Rev. T. C. Guthrie offered a resolution of instructions to the committee to whom were referred the memorials from Xenia, Pittsburgh Presbytery, &c., which was seconded.

The Moderator decided that the motion was out of order, as opposed to the action of Synod, referring the memorials to a select committee to consider and report upon them, and as really deciding the whole case by anticipation.

Against this decision Mr. Guthrie appealed to Synod.

The question, "Shall the chair be sustained?" was put to the house. The chair was sustained by a vote of 23 in the affirmative to 11 in the negative.

The committee on the pastoral letter presented the draft as amended. Its adoption was moved and seconded. Pending this a resolution was offered for the indefinite postponement of the whole subject. Pending this Synod adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, May 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Devotional exercises were attended to from half past 8 to 9 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. E. Cooper in the chair, Rev. A. G. Wylie and Rev. W. Sterret.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The motion to postpone indefinitely the whole subject of the pastoral letter being put, was lost. On motion the draft was laid on the table for the present.

Synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, May 26th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted as before by Rev. G. Scott in the chair, Mr. E. Radcliff, Rev. G. M. Lamb, Rev. J. Agnew Crawford.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Memorials from certain persons in the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and from Austintown, Ohio, asking a review of the decisions of Synod of last year, in the case of Pittsburgh Presbytery and Rev. W. Wilson were presented, read, and on motion referred to the special committee on this subject.

The delegates to the conference on Christian union reported, "that they had attended the last meeting of the conference which had adjourned sine die." Report accepted and adopted.

The special committee on the memorials presented their report. It was on motion accepted. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be the order of the day for the afternoon.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Wednesday of May, 1852, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., to be opened with a sermon by the Moderator.

Rev. Dr. Wylie, on his own behalf, and on that of the junior professor, declared the adherence of the professors to the resignation of their connexion with the Theological Seminary, offered last year, and again urged its acceptance. The resignations were on motion referred to the committee on the Seminaries.

Hearing the report of the committee (Rev. Dr. M'Master and Rev. H. M'Millan) appointed to prepare a continuation of the historical part of the testimony, was made the order of the day, after the present order is disposed of.

The committee on Presbyterial reports presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

The committee on Presbyterial reports discover from the reports submitted to them, that the pleasure of the Lord is prospering in Immanuel's hands through the instrumentality of our ministers and people.

There are three points to which the attention of Synod is solicited by committee.

1. That of Presbyterian visitation adverted to in the report from the Philadelphia Presbytery. The Committee regard this as an important duty, but think that Synod, instead of passing any law upon the subject, or prescribing any form of its observance, should urge it upon the attention of Presbyteries, and leave the manner of its performance to their discretion.

2. The second point is that of the odious enactment called *the fugitive slave law*, to which Synod's attention is called by the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Presbyteries. The Committee are of opinion that this law is in direct violation of the law of God, and deserves an express condemnation by Synod. In connexion with this, they also express the belief that the circumstances of the times call for a repetition of the church's testimony against the sin of slavery, either in the form of resolutions, or of a pastoral address, as Synod may direct.

3. The third point is that contained in the report of Pittsburgh Presbytery relative to the ordination of two licentiates before the period of probation prescribed by the Synod of 1850, be expired. The committee regard the law of Synod as a good one and think that Presbyteries should be directed to adhere to it. But as the Pittsburgh Presbytery's error appears to have arisen from the misinterpretation of the law, and not from any disrespect to the authority of Synod, and as much inconvenience to the congregations concerned would arise from its literal application in these cases, they recommend that in present circumstances no obstacle to carrying into effect the arrangement of the Presbytery be thrown in the way by Synod. It is however to be understood that this decision permitting these ordinations shall form no precedent for the future.

All which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet in the city of Pittsburgh, May 21st, 1851. The Northern Presbytery respectfully presents the following report:

Since the last meeting of Synod, Presbytery has had two semi-annual meetings. All our settled congregations are in a flourishing condition, our boundaries are being enlarged, our numbers are increasing, we dwell together in unity, and we hope there are some indications of growing piety and zeal for the glory of God among us. Presbytery has now nine ministers, all of whom are pastors, one Licentiate, Mr. A. G. McAuley—two students of Theology—Messrs. John Young and Wm. Calderwood. Rev. Henry Gordon was installed over the congregation of Lisbon, N. Y. Mr. Wm. S. Darragh having accepted of a call from Goose River congregation, N. S., was ordained to the ministry, and designated to the pastoral charge thereof by this Presbytery. Mr. Andrew R. Gailey has also been ordained and installed over the congregation of Chimoguee, N. B. from which he had accepted of a call, by a committee of Presbytery appointed for that purpose. At our last meeting a petition, signed by a number of persons in the City of New York, was presented, asking for the organization of a congregation in the central and lower parts of the city. The petition was granted, and a committee appointed to organize such congregation. Most of the persons asking this organization are at present in connexion with the church under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. John N. McLeod. At the same meeting Mr. Alexander G. McAuley, student of Theology, having been recommended to us by the Board of Superintendents of Seminary for licensure, upon delivering the ordinary pieces of trial, with the approbation of Presbytery was duly licensed to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. At his own request Presbytery permitted him to spend the ensuing winter in the Seminary of the East, and Presbytery would ask leave of Synod to allow him to remain for that purpose within our bounds. Many openings are presented in our bounds,

which we doubt not would become flourishing congregations if they were supplied with the ordinances. In view of these we hope that your venerable body will be induced, in your distribution of licentiates, to give us a supply as nearly as possible adapted to our need. Presbytery would also report to Synod that none of the supplies assigned to them became available. Mr. James Pearson having accepted of a call within the bounds of Western Presbytery, Mr. John M'Millan having gone to Europe, and Rev. D. M. M'Alcese, having asked for and received a certificate of character and standing, to be used in forming a connexion with another church. Thus have our vacancies been left destitute, and the expectations of the church greatly disappointed. Praying that the divine blessing may rest upon you, and that all things may be done with an eye single to the glory of God, we respectfully submit this report.

Signed, DAVID J. PATTERSON, *Presbytery's Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA REFORMED PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America:

The Philadelphia Presbytery respectfully report to General Synod as follows:

Since the last meeting of General Synod, the Church within our bounds has enjoyed a good degree of peace and prosperity. The several congregations under our care continue steadfast in their attachment to the principles of the Covenanted Presbyterian Reformation. To some of them large accessions have been made, while all appear to be in a healthful and flourishing condition. From a review of the past year we have great reason to be thankful for the evidence we have had of the approbation of the great Head of the Church.

On the 30th of August, 1850, the Rev. Thomas Flavel applied for a disjunction from the Fifth Church, Kensington. The congregation having expressed their acquiescence, it was granted, and Mr. Flavel was, at his own request, dismissed for the purpose of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Ohio. The congregation still remains without a pastor. At a meeting of Presbytery held on the 24th of December, 1850, Mr. Spencer L. Finney, a student of theology under our care, having delivered the usual pieces of trial, was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel, and since that time he has been preaching within our bounds with much acceptance. On the 18th of February, 1851, the Rev. J. A. Crawford asked for a disjunction from the congregations under his care in Milton, M'Ewensville and Washingtonville. The congregations having signified their assent, Presbytery granted a disjunction, and Mr. Crawford was at his own request, subsequently dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Ohio. The Rev. R. J. Black supplied these congregations by appointment of Presbytery for three Sabbaths, since which they have been supplied by Mr. Finney. On the 6th of May, the Rev. Matthew Smyth, from the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland, presented his credentials, on the footing of which he was admitted a member of Presbytery. Mr. Smyth has been supplying the vacancy in Kensington with much acceptance. This vacancy was also supplied by Mr. Samuel P. Herron, who came into our bounds in the month of December, and fulfilled his appointments. Mr. John W. Faires has been giving supplies as far as was in his power. At a meeting of Presbytery held on the 16th of May, Mr. Robert Patterson, a student of theology under our care, having delivered the usual pieces of trial, was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel, and is now at the disposal of Synod. There are now within our bounds, seven congregations, of which three are without pastors. We have six ordained ministers, three licentiates, Messrs. John W. Faires, Spencer L. Finney, Robert Patterson, and one student of theology, Mr. Alexander Robinson, who has been advanced to the third class in the

Seminary. With great regret we have to record the recent removal by death of Mr. Matthew Pearson, a student of theology under our care. He was a young man of sincere piety, and evinced an ardent zeal for the glory of God. He had hope in his death, and his latter end was peace. And we trust that while his removal has been to the church great loss, to himself it has been great gain.

The missionary operations of the church continue to receive the attention of Presbytery, and our people are disposed to aid in carrying them forward with energy. The Theological Seminary is also viewed by us, as highly important to the church, and we hope it will be provided for by the Synod. Presbytery would respectfully call the attention of Synod to that odious enactment, the "Fugitive Slave Law," recently made by the congress of the United States. We hope Synod will give a public expression of its views on this subject, indicating the position of our church and the duty of our people. The subject of Presbyterian visitation has been before the attention of Presbytery, and believing it to be a measure which would be conducive to the good order and welfare of the church, we would respectfully bring it before the attention of Synod.

We would also respectfully recommend to Synod the adoption of some system by which the records of the inferior courts may be examined by the superior, believing that it would tend to promote and preserve good order in the different courts of the Lord's house. Presbytery hope that they will not be overlooked in the distribution of supplies. Three of our congregations are vacant, while new stations might be occupied and cultivated with success, had we the labourers at our disposal.

Praying that the supreme judicatory may be directed by the exalted Head of the church to such issues as shall be for his declarative glory, we respectfully submit our report.

WILLIAM STERRETT, *Stated Clerk.*

Philadelphia, May, 1851.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PITTSBURGH.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America:

The Pittsburgh Presbytery respectfully present the following report.

Since the last meeting of Synod, the church within our bounds has been prospering and growing.

On the 30th May, 1850, Mr. James Scott, a student of theology under our care, was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ, and has been labouring the greater part of the time since, within our bounds.

On the 12th of Feb. 1851, the Rev. John Nevin was installed pastor of the 2nd Reformed Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh.

On the 15th of Nov. 1850, Mr. Andrew Walker, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, Ireland, applied to be taken under our care; and on the 29th of January last, Mr. David Kennedy, a licentiate of the same body, made a similar application. After examination both these gentlemen were received, and their names were entered upon the roll of our probationers. Calls have since been made upon these young men respectively, and have been accepted by them. Their ordination, according to the appointment of Presbytery, will take place in the first week of next month.

Mr. Gavin Riley McMillan lately accepted a call from one of our congregations, and will be ordained at our earliest convenience.

We would respectfully recommend to Synod the propriety of issuing a calm but pointed testimony against the enactment of our national legislaturc, commonly known by the name of "The Fugitive Slave Law."

May peace be within the walls and prosperity within the palaces of our beloved Zion.

DAVID HERRON, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

Pittsburgh, May 22d, 1851.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Since our last report to Synod, little of special interest has occurred within our bounds. With gratitude we have it to record that it has pleased the Head of the Church to make an important addition to our number. The Rev. Thomas Flavel having received an invitation from the congregation of George street, Cincinnati, which he accepted, was installed as pastor of said congregation the 9th of October last. The prospects of the congregation, since his settlement among them, are greatly encouraging, and we trust that God has yet much good in store for them. Our other settled congregations remain pretty much as at the date of our last report. We have nothing very flattering to report, and there is nothing especially discouraging. Our vacant congregations have not had that fostering care throughout the year which would have been desirable, and have been somewhat discouraged in consequence. We have thought it advisable to appoint one of our own number on a mission of two months, to East Tennessee. Our young brother, John M. Millan, who was appointed by the Synod to itinerate within our bounds during a portion of the past year, was advised by his physician to take a voyage to Europe for the recovery of his health. In consequence of this, we gave him a certificate of his standing, and he has been spending the winter in the city of Edinburgh. Consequently, we have been deprived of his services. We trust that the Synod will consider our necessity, and make as efficient a provision to meet it as will consist with the claims of other portions of the Church.

We may state to Synod, that the Theological Seminary at Xenia has commenced its operations. During the short session which was held in the winter, four students attended—three of our own connexion, and one connected with the Old School General Assembly. Two of the former—viz., Messrs. Wm. Lamb and Wm. Silliman—are spending the summer within our bounds, and the Presbytery have taken measures to superintend their progress during the recess. Incipient measures have been adopted to commence a library for the use of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery,

ANDREW HERON, P. C.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN PRESBYTERY.

The Western Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church would respectfully report to General Synod as follows:—

That during the last year God has made his work appear unto his servants, and his glory unto their children, not indeed by any great or striking revival and extension of his cause; but by a healthy growth of our settled congregations—by giving to others, which had not enjoyed the regular and stated ordinances of divine worship, pastors and teachers, as we trust, after his own heart, to feed them with knowledge and understanding—by a very considerable increase in our preaching stations, and by additions to our organized congregations.

At our fall meeting in Sept., 1850, at Rock Prairie, Wisconsin, Mr. George M. Lamb, having at a previous meeting accepted the call from the congregation in that place, was, on the 16th of September, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the office of the ministry, and installed as pastor of the Church. During the same meeting of Presbytery, a joint call from the congregations of Salem and Grand Cote was made upon Mr. James Pearson; and also one from Washington congregation, Kane county, Ill. These calls having been presented to Mr. Pearson, the call from Washington congregation was accepted. Presbytery having adjourned into the bounds of the congregation, and the usual steps having been taken, Mr. James Pearson was, on the 18th Sept., ordained to the office of the gospel ministry, and installed as Pastor of the Washington Church.

We have also to report the organization of another congregation in the town of Lima, Rock county, Wisconsin, consisting of thirty-four members with three ruling elders. This congregation is in a very promising condition, and with proper cultivation would doubtless soon grow into a large and flourishing body. At Lake View and Verona in Wisconsin, and at Dundee in Illinois, we expect shortly to organize congregations, the prospects for the success of which are in a high degree favourable. All that we want is suitable men to dispense the ordinances of God's grace, and with God's blessing we could almost indefinitely lengthen the cords and stretch out the curtains of our habitation, break forth on the right hand and on the left, causing many desolate places to be inhabited. With fields all around us white to the harvest, where are those who will help to gather it in? And whilst looking up to the hills from whence cometh our help, we would also say through Synod to all whom it may concern, "Come over and help us."

Last year, we had occasion to report the arrival of some of the members, together with a ruling elder of our church, in Oregon. Others talk of following them. However fine the climate and fertile the soil—whatever other advantages may be in that distant territory, there is a famine there; not indeed a famine of bread or of water, but of the word of the Lord. Other churches have moved in the matter, and we should not be the last to occupy in our place the slopes of the Pacific. What can be done to meet their lack of divine ordinances?

With respect to the supplies assigned us by Synod, we would state that Rev. Messrs. E. Cooper and John Nevin fulfilled their appointments in our bounds, and laboured with acceptance in our vacancies. Of the licentiates, Messrs. Samuel P. Herron, James Pearson and G. R. M'Millan fulfilled their appointments. As was stated above in reference to Mr. Pearson, calls having been made upon him in the bounds of the Presbytery, and the demand for labourers being very great, he remained with us until the fall meeting of our Presbytery, when he was ordained and settled in one of our vacant congregations. Upon Mr. G. R. M'Millan a call was made from the congregation of Monmouth, Warren county, Ill. When this call came before Presbytery, Mr. M'Millan had left our bounds and returned to those of the Ohio Presbytery. The call having been sustained as regular, was forwarded to that Presbytery, in order to be presented to Mr. M'Millan for his action. The result we have not heard. This spring, a call, also upon Mr. M'Millan, from the united congregations of Grand Cote and Unity, came before the Presbytery, which having been sustained as regular, was transferred to the Pittsburgh Presbytery, under whose jurisdiction Mr. M'Millan is at present, that he, having both calls placed in hands, might decide in reference to them.

Mr. Robert Fee came into our bounds according to the appointment of Synod, and laboured in our vacancies until some time in November last, when he ceased fulfilling his appointments as given him by Presbytery, and sought a connexion with some other church. He wrote to the Moderator demanding a certificate and dismissal to any other branch of the Presbyterian Church he might choose to connect himself with. The Moderator presented the letter to Presbytery at its recent meeting, when a certificate of character and standing was ordered him, and his name stricken off from the list of licentiates.

Presbytery has learned that Mr. Burgess has laboured four Sabbaths in two of our vacant congregations in Tennessee, and that he is in that State engaged in teaching. From himself we have had no report. By the defection of Mr. Fee and the non-appearance of other licentiates, our numerous vacancies have in a great degree been disappointed in the supply of ordinanees, which they had been led to expect during the last six months. Such disappointments are always in their tendency injurious, and inflict serious evil.

We would again call the attention of Synod to the great and growing importance of the city of St. Louis, and to the propriety of sustaining a suitable man as a missionary in that city. There are a few members of our church already there, anxious for the dispensation of ordinances by the ministers of our church, and it is believed by all that the field is one which would repay for all the labour expended.

In closing our report, we would ask that a full share of the disposable labourers be allotted to our extended portion of the vineyard of our common Master and Lord.

That the influence and presence of God's Spirit may be abundantly enjoyed by you, to assist and guide in your deliberations and decisions, is our earnest prayer.

By order, respectfully submitted,

JOHN M·MASTER, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

REPORT OF THE SAHARANPUR PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

Dear Fathers and Brethren,—During the period that has intervened since our last report was written, several events have transpired, which we deem worthy of notice at the present time.

Two of our Catechists have since ceased from their labours in the church below. Our native assistants are thus reduced to three. Gilbert M·Master, who has been for some years at Lodiana, has returned here, but has not yet been taken under the care of Presbytery. We hope, however, he may soon be prepared for assuming the position of the other young men. Then our students of Theology will be four, viz. :—Theodore W. J. Wylie, Samuel B. Wylie, John N. M·Leod and Gilbert M·Master.

A new church building has been erected on the mission premises, at an expense of about \$2000. This sum has been collected from the British residents around us, and who feel interested in the success of our operations. The style of architecture is the Roman Doric, which for neatness and simplicity we prefer to all others. It will be opened for public worship in less than two months from this time. The building is of a permanent character. This we consider important, as it gives our friends confidence that we have engaged in a work *not soon to be abandoned*. Ourselves and families have suffered severely, during the latter part of the past year, from an epidemic that swept over these provinces. We have much cause for gratitude to Almighty God, that the lives of so many of us have been spared, though we are not all recovered as yet from the effects of the disease. Attention has been given, to the best of our ability, to the various duties devolving on us, and we believe the Lord's work is progressing at this place. In the midst of all our troubles we have had some tokens of the Divine favour, and though not many are joining our ranks, we yet perceive the silent workings of the Word in many quarters around us.

As we have no voice in the highest judicatory of our church, it might be well in our Presbyterial reports to notice the leading features of your proceedings. With questions of a local character we wish to have nothing to do, as at this distance and with our slender means of information we cannot be competent to give an opinion. But there are general questions that concern us as well as you. On such we may be permitted to remark. We are much pleased with the degree of unity that seems to pervade your venerable body. We hope it may continue and increase, and that "no root of bitterness" may ever spring up to disturb that harmony of sentiment and action which should ever subsist among brethren. We rejoice in the outward prosperity of our beloved Zion, and are glad to see the numerous calls for the gospel throughout your widely-spread territory so speedily supplied. Your domestic missionary

operations are encouraging to us, as we look upon every newly organized church as an additional arm to the strong man who must go forth to the conversion of the heathen world. We hope a more complete organization of your forces shall soon be effected, which will lead to greatly *increased exertions* both at home and abroad.

We admire the missionary zeal which has urged you to follow your straying sheep to the shores of the Pacific. We hope the men and the means have both been forthcoming, ere now, and that some young heroes of the cross are on their way to that distant field. A highly interesting sphere of labour was opened to us during the past year in Delhi, the ancient capital of India. Had you been prepared to send us another man, we would have gladly gone up to occupy it—but we suppose for the present we must rest satisfied as we are. We cannot refrain, however, from urging the importance of doing more than we have yet done for the Heathen; and we feel confident that extended operations here will not impede the domestic operations. Did you witness, as we do, the awful state of the Heathen, we feel convinced that every *minister*, and every *member* of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, would do much more than they have ever done to give the bread of life to these perishing Heathen. Let our church continue to enlarge her sympathies for the Heathen as she extends her boundaries at home, and we shall be astonished at what she will effect. The establishment of a branch of the Theological Seminary at Xenia, we think will be fraught with good to the church, and while we hope that the Eastern Branch may continue to send forth her ministers and missionaries, we trust that the West may not be behind the other in every great and good work. We shall expect to be furnished, in due time, with a copy or copies of the "Directory" as now approved by Synod. Through Dr. M'Leod's kindness, we have received the "Testimony and Book of Discipline," for which we are very thankful.

The general fast appointed by Synod shall be duly observed by us, and we look for a large and abundant blessing as the fruits of its appropriate observance. We are sure we will not be forgotten in your assemblies on that day, and your interests will be equally remembered by us. We have written to many of you during the past year, and are thankful for the share we have had in your correspondence; but still we should like to hear much oftener from all of you.

By order of Presbytery,

JOHN S. WOODSIDE, *Clerk.*

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on the Signs of the Times presented their report. It was accepted and laid on the table for the present.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the consideration of the report of the special committee on the memorials, on the motion for its adoption. Pending this Synod adjourned, the Moderator concluding with prayer.

Same place, May 27th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted as usual by Rev. G. M. Lamb in the chair, Rev. D. Heron, M. Harshaw and John M'Master.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the East presented their report. It was accepted and referred to the committee on the Seminars.

The committee on finance presented their report. It was accepted, and it is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Finance Committee report that the following sums have been paid into their hands, for travelling and contingent expenses, viz.:—

Rev. Dr. M'Leod's congregation,	.	.	\$39 00
“ A. G. Wylie's “	.	.	8 00
“ Dr. Wylie's “	.	.	50 00
“ William Sterret's “	.	.	10 00
“ Robert J. Black's “	.	.	9 00
“ Dr. Crawford's “	.	.	11 00
5th Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia,	.	.	7 00
Rev. John Douglas' congregation,	.	.	15 00
“ John Nevin's “	.	.	8 00
“ Andrew W. Black's “	.	.	17 00
“ David Herron's “	.	.	9 00
Union Congregation,	.	.	4 03
Rev. Josiah Hutchman's congregation,	.	.	15 00
“ Thomas C. Guthrie's “	.	.	4 20
“ George Scott's “	.	.	7 31
“ Hugh M'Millan's “	.	.	9 76
Xenia Congregation,	.	.	10 00
Utica “	.	.	5 00
Rev. Thomas Flavel's congregation,	.	.	12 00
“ Dr. Heron's “	.	.	7 00
“ Gavin M'Millan's “	.	.	7 00
“ John M'Master's “	.	.	13 00
“ George M. Lamb's “	.	.	10 00
“ Michael Harshaw's “	.	.	6 00
“ Hugh A. M'Kelvey's “	.	.	5 00
“ Samuel Wylie's “	.	.	10 90
“ James Pearson's “	.	.	11 06
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Deduct the Clerk's salary,	.	.	50 00
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			\$270 26

The amount at the disposal of the Committee for travelling expenses of members entitled to draw from this fund is \$270 26. The number of miles travelled by those entitled to draw is 11,980. The rate per mile is two cents and two mills, leaving a small sum unappropriated, which we recommend to be paid to the sexton of the church in which we meet.

Amount due to each member.

Rev. Robert J. Black,	distance	300 miles,	.	\$6 60
“ Alexander Clarke,	“	1300 “	.	28 60
“ Ebenezer Cooper,	“	250 “	.	5 50
“ J. A. Crawford,	“	250 “	.	5 50
“ Thomas Flavel,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ Michael Harshaw,	“	700 “	.	15 40
“ Dr. Herron,	“	330 “	.	7 26
“ David Herron,	“	80 “	.	1 76
“ G. M. Lamb,	“	650 “	.	14 30
“ Dr. M'Leod,	“	390 “	.	8 58
“ Dr. M'Master,	“	400 “	.	8 80
“ John M'Master,	“	550 “	.	12 10
“ Hugh M'Millan,	“	250 “	.	5 50
“ Hugh A. M'Kelvey,	“	650 “	.	14 30

Rev. James Pearson,	distance	600 miles	.	13 20
“ William Sterret,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ M. Smyth,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ Dr. Wylie,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ Samuel Wylie,	“	700 “	.	15 40
“ A. G. Wylie,	“	580 “	.	17 76
“ T. W. J. Wylie,	“	300 “	.	6 60
Mr. Andrew Harshaw,	“	80 “	.	1 76
“ Joseph Fleming,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ John Little,	“	250 “	.	5 50
Dr. Robert Marshall,	“	700 “	.	15 40
Mr. Clement M'Cune,	“	300 “	.	6 60
“ John Richmond,	“	700 “	.	15 40
“ John Reed,	“	170 “	.	3 74

Which amounts the Committee are prepared to pay. All which is respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

The committee on Supplies presented their report. It was accepted and laid on the table for the present.

On motion Rev. George Scott was appointed assistant clerk pro tem.

A memorial signed by three individuals, in Walden, N. Y., on the subject of Synod's decision of last year, in the case of Pittsburgh Presbytery, &c., was presented, read, and on motion laid on the table.

The order of the day, viz.: The consideration of the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the memorials was taken up. Its further consideration was postponed until the afternoon.

J. C. M'Millan, treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the West, presented his report. A report of moneys paid and promised for the purchase of a library for the Western Seminary, was also presented. They were referred to the committee on the seminaries.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place—3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the memorials. Pending this Synod adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place—May 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Devotional services were attended as usual, by Rev. Mr. Harshaw in the chair, and by Rev. J. Nevin, A. W. Black, H. A. M'Kelvey.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A charter obtained from the legislature of the state of Ohio for the Western Theological Seminary, was presented, read, and accepted for consideration.

Resolved, That the charter be referred to the committee on the seminaries to report upon it.

Resumed the consideration of the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the memorials. Pending this Synod adjourned, resolving to continue the afternoon session until 6 o'clock, P. M. The Moderator concluded by prayer.

Same place—3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A paper addressed to the Moderator and members of Synod, and signed "W. Wilson," was presented, read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The following resolution was offered as a substitute for the report of the committee on the memorials:

Resolved, That as Mr. Wilson has himself made no application to this Synod, further action in regard to these memorials is unnecessary.

By leave of Synod, the paper signed "W. Wilson," was withdrawn.

The mover of the substitute for the report of the committee as above, asked leave to withdraw his motion.

It was moved and seconded that Synod grant leave to withdraw the motion. Pending the discussion of this the previous question was called for. The Moderator put the question, "Shall the main question now be put?" On this the ayes and noes were called for, when it appeared that the votes were equal, and the previous question was not ordered.

It was moved and seconded, that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed. The ayes and noes were called for, and the motion was decided in the negative.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place—May 29th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted as usual by Rev. J. A. Crawford in the chair, S. Wylie, J. Pearson, T. Flavel.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the treasurer of foreign missions, of domestic missions, of the treasurer of Synod, and the supplementary report of the treasurer pro tem., were presented, read, and referred to an auditing committee. The committee are Mr. H. Sterling and J. Fleming.

Proceeded to the unfinished business, the consideration of the motion to grant leave to withdraw the substitute for the report of the committee on the memorials.

The previous question was called for and ordered by Synod.

Synod then proceeded to vote on the main question before them—the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the memorials.

The ayes and noes were called for, and are as follow:

Ayes—the Moderator, A. W. Black, R. J. Black, A. Clark, E. Cooper, Dr. M'Leod, J. M'Master, H. M'Millan, H. A. M'Kelvey, John Nevin, W. Sterret, M. Smyth, Dr. Wylie, S. Wylie, A. G. Wylie, T. W. J. Wylie; and John Black, R. Marshall, C. M'Cune, H. Sterling, J. Reed, E. Radcliff—22.

Noes—J. Douglas, T. Flavel, T. C. Guthrie, M. Harshaw, Dr. Heron, D. Herron, J. Hutchman, J. Pearson, G. Scott; and J. H. Gormley, W. Hutchman, W. Early, A. Harshaw, J. Fleming, J. Little, J. Richmond—16.

Not voting—G. M. Lamb, J. Agnew Crawford, and James Scott—3.

So the report of the committee on the memorials was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MEMORIALS.

The special committee to whom were referred the memorials on the subject of the action of last Synod in reference to the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the case of Rev. W. Wilson, respectfully report to Synod as follows:

The documents referred to your committee embrace a memorial from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and several others from individuals in the congregations of Eden, Illinois—Concord, Illinois—Garrison Creek, Indiana—Massies' Creek and Xenia, Ohio—Austintown, Ohio—and 4th Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. All these have reference to the same subject substantially, though presented under different forms. The language of the memorialists is respectful, and the matter of their petition of no small importance.

Expressing themselves as aggrieved with the action of the last Synod in reference to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and the Rev. W. Wilson, the memorialists ask a review and reversal of the decision of Synod in this case. Your committee regret that the memorialists should be found taking a view of this subject so different from their brethren of the Reformed Presbyterian Church generally, who have with great unanimity approved of the action of Synod in the premises; and they would express the hope that after the agitating influences to which they have been exposed shall have passed away, and a better state of information on the subjects referred to shall prevail among them, that they, too, will acquiesce in the action of Synod, of which they now ask a review or reversal. Your committee would also call the attention of Synod to the fact that there is no application from Rev. W. Wilson, formally, for re-admission to the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. On the contrary, a variety of pamphlets have been issued, or caused to be issued by Mr. Wilson, in which a succession of calumnious assaults have been made on the character of Synod and its members. These publications create a new issue in the case, and increase the obligation of Synod to adhere to her existing position. Neither this Synod nor any of the inferior judicatories of the church can take any proper action on the case of Mr. Wilson, until he make application himself before them, in the character of a respectful petitioner.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the whole subject before them be disposed of by the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod adhere to the decision of the supreme judicatory of the church, of May, 1850, in the case referred to.

2. *Resolved*, That before Rev. W. Wilson can be received into the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, he be required to make application to the supreme judicatory, and render such satisfaction as they may direct for the publications above referred to.

3. *Resolved*, That the memorialists be affectionately advised by Synod to reconsider their own action in this case, and to wait in confidence and hope for the developments of Divine Providence in reference to this whole subject, while in the mean time they follow the things which make for peace.

All which is respectfully submitted. Signed, THE COMMITTEE.
Pittsburgh, May 26th, 1851.

Dr. Heron announced his intention to protest against this decision of Synod, in his own name, and that of those who might concur with him.

The board of missions presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix, document C.)

Rev. J. Nevin presented the following notice of motion for next year:—That cases of discipline shall be referred to a committee only when Synod itself shall consider it necessary, and not in any case until after parties have been heard, and discussion had.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. E. Cooper. It was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbyteries under the inspection of this Synod

be enjoined to present their minutes to Synod at its future sessions, for examination and review.

Rev. T. C. Guthrie presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod shall, at its present session, appoint a special committee to wait upon the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, now in session in the city of Allegheny, to indicate to said Synod our willingness to open a friendly correspondence, either by letter or by joint committee.

This was, on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and members of the executive committee of the board of missions, for their faithful and laborious services in advancing the cause in their hands. Thanks were returned accordingly by the Moderator, and acknowledged by the Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminaries was presented, and, on motion, adopted unanimously. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE EASTERN SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary in the East, would respectfully report to General Synod as follows:—

The Board met at the time indicated in the constitution, and proceeded to the discharge of their duties. The greater part of three days was spent in hearing discourses from the students, and in listening to their examination in Hebrew, Chaldee, Greek, Church Government and History, and in General Theology.

All acquitted themselves with great credit to themselves and their respected instructors.

The students attending, during the session, were Mr. S. L. Finney, resident licentiate; Robert Patterson and Alexander G. M'Auley, of the third year; Alexander Robinson, of the second year, and William Calderwood, of the first. A few days before the close of the session, Mr. Matthew Pearson, student of the second year, had been removed by death. He was a young man of great promise, and died in the faith and comfort of the gospel. His career was short, but it was long enough to show mind, earnestness, great desire to preach the gospel, and a most lovely and striking confidence in God, and submission to his will. The influence of his death under their very eye, had an evident influence for good upon all his surviving fellow students.

Mr. Finney proceeded to fill appointments received from the Philadelphia Presbytery. Messrs. Patterson and M'Auley were recommended to their respective Presbyteries for licensure; Mr. Robinson was advanced to class third, and Mr. Calderwood to class second. The exercises of the seminary were closed by an address to the students from Dr. M'Leod, as president of the board. Though the attendance of students this year was not so large as during the previous session, the reason of this is full of encouragement. It arose from the establishment of a second seminary in Xenia.

A correspondence, it was understood, had been carried on by the students of both seminaries between themselves.

And, the conclusion already to be drawn from the experiment of the two seminaries is, that they will mutually aid and encourage each other, and we may soon expect to see the numbers in attendance greatly enlarged. The seminary has, indeed, proved a nursery for the church for many years past, and it deserves, as we trust it will receive, the countenance and support of all.

ROBT. J. BLACK, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE WESTERN SEMINARY.

The superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, appointed at last meeting of Synod, would respectfully report :

That in consequence of the departure, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, of some of those who had been appointed superintendents, there were no steps taken at that time to organize a Board for the transaction of business ; subsequently, no one took upon himself to call a meeting until the present session of Synod, and, consequently, there has been no formal organization of the seminary.

Something, however, has been done towards effecting the object that Synod proposed, in appointing the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Xenia. The senior professor, without waiting for the formality of the action of the superintendents in the case, being advised that some young men, candidates for the ministry, had arrived at Xenia, repaired to that place in December last. He reports that the young men recited regularly to him in Theology and Church History. They were directed to use as a text book the *Confession of Faith*, in connexion with *Reformation principles exhibited*, and referred for illustrations to Turretin, Dick, Hill, Brown, and others. In Church History, Mosheim was taken as the text book, referring for illustration to Milman, Waddington, Neander, and others ; and, also, to the prophecies relating to the time. Occasional lectures were likewise given on different subjects.

The junior professor attended to the recitations of the young men, in the New Testament in the original language.

The names of the young men in attendance were Messrs. Scott, Silliman, Lamb, and Shields. Mr. Shields belonged to the General Assembly Presbyterian Church ; the others were in the communion of our own church. The professors bear favourable testimony to the diligence, orderly department, religious character, and manifest improvement of the young men.

Circumstances prevented the continuance of the senior professor at Xenia, during the whole of the winter, and the studies of the young men were interrupted sooner than was desirable. It is hoped that such arrangements will be made that the term indicated by the superintendents will be attended to, and lengthened, should it be found expedient.

We would also report, that chiefly through the exertions of the junior professor, Rev. Hugh M. Millan, some funds have been collected and a considerable amount promised for the purpose of commencing a library for the use of the seminary. A charter, likewise, has been secured.

In the event of the regular organization of the seminary, we would respectfully ask that Synod direct the respective Presbyteries, from which candidates come, and under whose care they are, to certify to their character, standing, and acquisitions. Finally, we would recommend Synod to appoint a new board of superintendents, to be composed of two members from the Pittsburgh, Ohio, and Western Presbyteries, respectively, and that the professors be ex-officio members of the board.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. MASTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SEMINARIES.

The committee on the Theological Seminaries would respectfully report as follows :

That according to the reports of the superintendents of the seminaries of the east and west, both in Philadelphia and Xenia, under the professors appointed by this Synod, a number of young men have been successfully prosecuting those studies which are necessary in preparing them for the able and faithful service of the gospel ministry. It is a matter of regret that such order had not been taken by the superintendents appointed for the western seminary, that the young men, there assembled, might have enjoyed the instruction

of the professors during the whole period designated for that purpose. It is hoped that measures will be taken by that Board, so that at the usual time in the present year, the exercises of the seminary shall be commenced, and due notice of this be given through the Banner of the Covenant.

It appears that some efforts have been made to raise money to procure a library for the use of the western seminary. It is gratifying that, under the circumstances, so much has been done for this purpose, and it is recommended to the friends of this enterprise to persevere in this good work, until they shall have effected the object which they have proposed.

The superintendents of the eastern seminary give a very favourable report of the operations of that institution, during the last winter, under the instructions of the senior professor, Rev. Dr. Wylie, and of the junior professor, Rev. T. W. J. Wylie. The ability and faithfulness in the discharge of the duties of their office, on the part of these professors, this Synod has not now, for the first time, to learn. It is, therefore, with feelings of very great regret, we find the venerable professor, together with the junior professor, peremptorily urging their resignation of the offices so well filled by them to the great advantage of the church. Did we suppose it would avail any thing to the purpose of influencing them to change their course, we would recommend that their resignation be not accepted, and that this Synod respectfully request them to continue in the discharge of those duties, by the performance of which this church has so greatly profited. Knowing, however, that this would not avail, the committee in recommending, though very unwillingly, the acceptance of their resignation, consider that Synod cannot do less than acknowledge the debt of gratitude which they owe to the professors, Rev. Dr. Wylie, and Rev. T. W. J. Wylie. And, as in a very special manner, such a debt is due to the senior professor, the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution: 'That the thanks of this Synod be, through the moderator, publicly expressed to the Rev. S. B. Wylie, D. D., for his long continued, faithful, and in a great measure, unrequited labours, as a Theological professor in this church.

Farther, we would report that as it is deemed necessary, upon a full consideration of the subject, by your committee, that a seminary be continued in the east; we recommend that the seat of its operations be transferred to New York, and that Rev. J. N. McLeod, D. D., be appointed professor, and that Rev. D. J. Patterson be appointed instructor in the original languages of the scriptures. We also recommend that the seminary of the west continue at Xenia. It is hoped the Presbyteries, both in the east and west, will employ the appropriate measures to secure to the senior professors, in both seminaries, the sum of \$300 annually, which Synod has ordered to be paid as an acknowledgment of their labours.

A charter of incorporation for the western seminary has been referred to your committee; we would recommend that it be referred to the superintendents of that seminary, with instructions that they have, by the proper authorities, the term *literary* stricken out of the title, and this being done, they proceed to act under its authority, and in accordance with its provisions.

We recommend, also, that a new board of superintendents be appointed for the western seminary, to consist of two members from the Pittsburgh, Ohio, and Western Presbyteries respectively, and that the professors be *ex-officio* members of the board.

It is finally recommended that the superintendents for the east be Rev. Dr. Wylie, Dr. Crawford, T. W. J. Wylie, A. G. Wylie, R. J. Black, A. Clarke, W. Sterret, and J. B. Findlay. The superintendents for the west, Rev. Messrs. T. C. Guthrie, and A. W. Black, of the Pittsburgh Presbytery; Rev. G. M. Millan, and Thomas Flavel, of the Ohio Presbytery; Samuel Wylie, and John McMaster, of the Western Presbytery, with the professors.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

Rev. T. C. Guthrie, W. Hutchman and Joseph Fleming, received leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The report of the Committee on the Signs of the Times was taken up, and, upon motion, adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Your committee would respectfully report that, on a retrospect of the past year, there are many causes for thanksgiving and humiliation presented for the consideration of the church of God. In the hand of Immanuel, through her instrumentality, the pleasure of the Lord has greatly prospered in many parts of the vineyard of our *common Lord*. Our boundaries have been much enlarged, and a good degree of devotedness to the cause of Christ has been manifested by his professed followers.

We have been exempted from the horrors of war—from the desolations, in great measure, of the pestilence, and the wasting influences of famine. Instead of any of these sore judgments we have enjoyed an abundance of the outward blessings of life. The industry of the husbandman, the skill of the manufacturer, and the energy of the merchant have been duly rewarded. We enjoy many blessings of civil liberty, and these ought not to be overlooked in our enumeration of causes of thanksgiving to Almighty God. According to our civil institutions, truth is left free to combat error and immorality, and the church is protected in the promulgation of truth. These, with many other causes which circumstances of a local character will suggest to the Christian, are deemed sufficient to warrant Synod in appointing a day of thanksgiving to the Father of mercies.

The 3d Thursday of November, 1851, is appointed as the day to be observed for thanksgiving, and it is ordained that each minister and probationer, in connexion with, or under the care of Synod, conduct public worship on that day wherever he may have an opportunity, and in agreeableness with the nature of the duties required; and that each congregation, missionary station, family, and individual, shall observe the day in the public and private exercises of the worship of the Lord our God.

Causes for Fasting.

The last Thursday of February, 1852, is appointed as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer. 1st. On account of our personal sins and transgressions. 2d. Our family sins, in not walking before God in our houses as we ought. 3d. Our ecclesiastic transgressions, in not improving the merciful dispensations of the grace of God, as our covenant engagements to God in our profession of the faith of Christ demand. 4th. Our national sins are great and aggravated, and demand from us repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The increasing demands of slavery incorporated into the *fugitive slave law*, together with many other kindred requirements of slavery, are legitimate causes of humiliation before God. Our national character is tarnished by the action of congress attempting to arrest the progressive spirit of the 19th century, and by every moral and constitutional means ought to be resisted in its execution. 5th. The progression of intemperance or drunkenness, in many localities, in opposition to the many laudable efforts to stay its onward course, is an indication that prayer is not, as it ought to be, offered up in faith and hope by the church, nor is her ministry as faithful in warning the people as they should be. 6th. The prevalence of secret combinations, endangering the purity of religion and the stability of our free civil institutions, furnish good and sufficient reasons for fasting and prayer.

And on the day mentioned it is enjoined upon all in their respective places to observe the day as time consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted, by the committee.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

Same place,—3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Heron presented his reasons of protest.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to reply to these reasons. They are Rev. Dr. M'Leod and Rev. A. G. Wylie.

The Committee of Supplies presented their report. It was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLIES.

The Committee of Supplies respectfully present to Synod the following report:—

That for the supply of the numerous and increasing vacancies and stations within the bounds of the several Presbyteries, Synod has at its disposal the labours of four ministers without charge, and eight licentiates, of whom the following distribution is recommended by your committee:

That the labours of Rev. Dr. M'Master be directed by the Ohio Presbytery.

That the Rev. E. Cooper spend the months of September, October, and November in the Western Presbytery, and the remainder of the year in the Ohio Presbytery.

That the Rev. J. A. Crawford spend the months of June, July, August, September, and October in the Northern Presbytery, and the remainder of the year in the Philadelphia Presbytery.

That the Rev. M. Smyth spend the months of June, July, and August in the Western Presbytery; September, October, and November in the Ohio Presbytery; and the remainder of the year in the Philadelphia Presbytery.

That Mr. J. W. Faires remain subject to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

That Mr. Alex. G. M'Auley be referred for the year to the Northern Presbytery.

That Mr. Robert Patterson spend the months of June and July in the Philadelphia Presbytery; August, September, October, and November in the Pittsburgh Presbytery; and the remainder of the year in the Philadelphia Presbytery.

That Mr. Spencer L. Finney spend the months of June and July in the Ohio Presbytery; August, September, October, November, and December in the Western Presbytery; January, February, and March in the Ohio Presbytery; and the remainder of the year in the Northern Presbytery.

That Mr. David Gillespie spend from the first of June to the first of March in the Western Presbytery; from the first of March to the first of May in the Ohio Presbytery; and the remainder of the year in the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

That Mr. S. P. Herron spend the months of June and July in the Pittsburgh Presbytery; August and September in the Northern Presbytery; October and November in the Philadelphia Presbytery; and the remainder of the year in the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

That Mr. J. Scott spend from the first of June to the first of January in the Western Presbytery, and the remainder of the year in the Ohio Presbytery.

That Mr. Robert Burgess be referred for the year to the Western Presbytery.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

The Committee on the continuation of the history of the Reformed Presbyterian church reported in part. Whereupon it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee have the thanks of Synod for their labours as thus far prosecuted—that they be continued, and requested to report the history complete to the next meeting of General Synod.

The Committee appointed at last Synod "to prepare a system of directions for pastoral visitation," reported that they had considered the subject—that, in their opinion, any legislation upon it would be inadvisable, and they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter. The report was approved, and the Committee discharged.

The draft of the pastoral letter was again presented. On motion, it was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Dr. M'Leod presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

Resolved, That permission be given to those members of the Northern Presbytery who reside within the boundaries of the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to organize a Presbytery in subjection to General Synod, if, between this and the next meeting of Synod, they find it advisable. The boundaries of said Presbytery to be those of the provinces above mentioned, and it to be styled the "Eastern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America."

Resolved, That a Committee of Synod be appointed to aid in the organization. (The Moderator named as that Committee, Rev. Dr. M'Leod and Rev. T. W. J. Wylie.)

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the Moderator, (Rev. Samuel Wylie,) for his sermon at the opening of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the inhabitants of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny for their hospitalities to its members.

The Auditing Committee reported correct the accounts presented in the documents referred to their inspection.

Mr. George H. Stuart was reappointed Treasurer of Synod.

The following were appointed the Board of Missions:—Dr. Wylie, Dr. M'Master, Dr. M'Leod, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Heron, Rev. H. M'Millan, T. C. Guthrie, G. Scott, A. W. Black, A. Clarke, A. G. Wylie, D. J. Patterson, R. A. Hill, T. W. J. Wylie, R. J. Black, W. Sterret, T. Flavel, J. M'Master, S. Wylie, and J. W. Morrison, ministers; and James N. Gifford, Thomas Cumming, W. Mathews, W. Cooper, W. Cathcart, G. H. Stuart, R. Guy, R. Steenson, J. M'Kendrick, W. Montgomery, H. Sterling, W. Scott, Peter Gibson, Daniel M'Millan, W. Orr, W. Kennedy, J. Fleming, David Minford, ruling elders.

The minutes of the present session of Synod were read throughout and approved.

The stated clerk was directed to publish extracts from the minutes in the Banner of the Covenant, with as many extra copies as may be deemed necessary. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Synod do now adjourn, to meet at the time and place appointed.

Adjourned, after prayer by the Moderator, singing the 133d Psalm, and receiving the apostolic benediction.

Signed,

GILBERT M'MASTER, *Moderator*.

JOHN NIEL M'LEOD, *Stated Clerk*.

Pittsburgh, May 29th, 1851.

APPENDIX.

(Document A.)

Reasons of dissent from the decision of Synod on the 16th instant, in laying on the table so much of the certificate of delegation from the Pittsburgh Presbytery, as entitled Rev. Wm. Wilson, Thomas Wilson, William Taylor, &c., to seats in Synod. On reading the certificate, Rev. A. W. Black objected to the above mentioned persons having seats till a complaint which he had in readiness, and intended to prosecute before Synod, against the Pittsburgh Presbytery, in its reception of Rev. William Wilson and his congregation, should be issued, and on his motion the afore-mentioned delegates were excluded from seats to await the final issue of the complaint.

1. Reason of dissent.—That the action of Synod in the case is contrary to its own existence, by assuming to exercise power not competent to its constitution. Synod is a delegated body, and in its constitution founded entirely upon the will of its constituents. The only evidence of membership in Synod's organization is the certificates of the original bodies from which it derives its existence. If presbyterial certificates are not to be taken as *prima facie* evidence entitling to membership in General Synod, its character, as a delegated body, must cease. All the members of presbyteries, regularly certified, are thereby entitled to have their names entered on Synod's roll on its organization, and if objection is made to the certificate of any member, the Synod, when organized, is then competent to decide on the merits of the objections. But in the present case, without hearing the complaint or knowing the objections, Synod discredited the certificate of one of its presbyteries, and thus acted contrary to its constitution.

2. The decision of Synod in the case is contrary to its own uniform practice. There is not to be found in Synod's transactions a case to justify or sustain the present decision, but on the contrary there are precedents, not a few, to show that the Pittsburgh Presbytery has been, in the observance of courtesy, and a due regard to precedents, dishonoured. The Crawford and M'Leod cases are presented here to show our practice. In the 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, August, 1833, at the meeting of General Synod, Rev. Moses Roney, a member of the former Synod, in his place, announced that the Rev. S. W. Crawford was a suspended minister, and, consequently, could not open Synod. Rev. James Christy stated that Rev. John N. M'Leod was a suspended minister, and not clerk of the Eastern Subordinate Synod. These objections were overruled on the ground that the Philadelphia Presbytery had certified both these brethren, and that General Synod could not go behind their certificates—that the documentary testimony of presbyteries must be received in Synod's organization, to the exclusion of all reports or verbal declarations—that such were proper subjects of subsequent investigation, but could not be a bar to membership in its organization.

3. That the tendency of Synod's action is to alienate from one another brethren in Christ. The supposition of any presbytery in connexion with Synod certifying, as delegates to deliberate in the concerns of Christ's house, such characters as are viewed by this court unworthy, is calculated to produce unpleasant feelings. If the brethren rejected had been charged with crime or irregularity, it is freely conceded that they would not have had a right to a seat, by virtue of their certificate, during the trial; but in the present case the challenge was peremptory, and the decision of Synod without any investigation.

In the above we concur,

THOMAS C. GUTHRIE,	} Dissenters.
JOHN DOUGLAS,	
G. ADAMS,	
THOMAS SMITH,	
GEORGE SCOTT.	

(Document B.)

Answer to Reasons of Dissent of Rev. T. C. Guthrie and others, from the decision of Synod, on the 16th inst.: laying on the table so much of the certificate of delegation from the Pittsburgh Presbytery as entitled Rev. W. Wilson, Thomas Wilson, William Taylor, &c., to seats in Synod.

An analysis of the reasons of dissent of the Rev. T. C. Guthrie and others, as above, will show that such reasons are based upon a mistake both of the facts of the case and of the powers of the Supreme Judicatory in the premises.

As the last of these is the most important, and really involves all that is essential in the dissent, it should be submitted to a distinct and thorough investigation. The position of the dissenters is that the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church is a creature of the Presbyteries, a body of limited powers and of appellate jurisdiction only. And hence the conclusion is drawn that Synod have no authority to call in question the certificate of a Presbytery delegating a member to a place on their floor, or examining *in limine* the claim to such membership. Were the premises from which this conclusion is drawn correct, the inference would be invalid, for even such a body as the Synod is presumed to be, might have all power to judge of the qualifications of its own members. But the premises are wrong, and therefore the conclusion is inadmissible. The General Synod is not a creature of the Presbyteries, it has no constituency to which it is subordinate, nor is it a court of appeals merely—but it is the *Supreme Judicatory of the Church*, and in it, as such, are resident all necessary powers of review, control, and direction; exercised by virtue of original as well as appellate jurisdiction, and in submission only to the word of God, the standards of the Church, and the rules of order made by itself for the regulation of its own proceedings. Nor is this position affected by the representative character which, it is admitted, the General Synod possesses. This was assumed by an act of the Supreme Judicatory itself as a measure of convenience, and it neither alters its character nor affects its powers.

The error into which the dissenters have fallen on this subject has perhaps arisen from some fancied analogy of the Synod to certain political bodies of the country, or to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. That Synod has much in common with these bodies is true, but it is also true that she stands upon her own foundation, and has her own presbyterial organization. If she has any model, it is that of the old General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, undressed from its political connexions. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is not her model. But on the contrary the Reformed Presbyterian Church has always disapproved of many things in the constitution of that body, as involving an admixture of congregational principles, at variance with sound Presbyterial regimen. See *Testimony*, historical part, edition 1st, p. 103.—That the true character of the General Synod is as above affirmed is evident,—

1. *From the history of her organization.* In the printed minutes of Synod, page 129, session 10, Pittsburgh, 1823, the following record appears: "Dr. McLeod laid on the table, with notice that he would call it up to-morrow, a resolution proposing the organization of a General Synod, on the principle of a representation of Presbyteries." Again, p. 130, Aug. 8th, Dr. McLeod called up the resolution laid on the table yesterday, which is as follows:—"Resolved, that a General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church be organized on the principle of a representation of Presbyteries, in the ratio of two ministerial delegates and as many elders, for every three ministers of which a Presbytery consists, and that said Synod shall meet once in every two years." On motion, this resolution was referred to a Committee of one member from each of the Presbyteries. The members named

were, Drs. M'Leod and Wylie, Messrs. Black, S. Wylie, H. M'Millan. Again, p. 133: The Committee on the formation of a representative Synod presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:—"Resolved, that a General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet biennially, be formed by delegation from the Presbyteries. That each Presbytery shall have the right of sending two ministers and as many ruling elders, and that the ratio of increase of the number of delegates be, until farther order be taken on the subject, two ministers and as many ruling elders for every three ministers of which the Presbytery consists."

From all this it appears that it was by her own act that the Supreme Judicatory assumed the form of a representative body. No reference was made to Presbyteries. They were not, either directly or indirectly, consulted in the matter; not a word was said of any derivation of authority from them, as a constituency; the prescription of the ratio of representation is from Synod to Presbyteries, not from Presbyteries to Synod, and Synod holds in her own hand the power of altering the ratio of representation at her own pleasure. No specification or limitation of powers is made for herself in her new form, by the existing Synod. Nor does she deprive herself of any powers she previously possessed, by any document adopted in the form of a constitution, or otherwise. The action of Synod is simply the assumption of a representative character for purposes of convenience, and all the power resident in the Supreme Judicatory passes with her into her new form of organization. Such was evidently the intention of the fathers and brethren of the Church who thus laid the foundations of her existing order, and in the providence of God there are some of them still among us to interpret their own legislation.

2. The position assumed is further sustained by Synod's own uniform administration. She asserts *original* jurisdiction over her members. On page 156 of printed minutes, Synod adopted the following resolutions, disposing of the case of Rev. Robert Lusk:—"Whereas it is notorious that the Rev. Robert Lusk has for some time pursued a disorderly course, in violation of the obligations by which he was bound to promote the edification and unity of this Church, which has issued in his renouncing the authority of this court, in contradiction to his ordination vow: therefore—Resolved, 1st. That for these things, already mentioned, this court, by virtue of the authority lodged in them by the Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of his Church, of jurisdiction *original* and appellate, do, and they hereby do, suspend the Rev. Robert Lusk from the exercise of the office of the holy ministry," &c. Here we find the General Synod, the session succeeding that of its constitution, asserting *original* jurisdiction over the ministry and members of the Church, and performing, by virtue thereof, one of the highest acts of ecclesiastical discipline. And again, in the year 1843, General Synod proceeded to legislate upon and, by her own act, modify her terms of communion, and this, one of the highest exercises of the ministerial authority of which the Church is possessed, she performs without reference to or consultation of the inferior judicatories.

In the same spirit she enacts her "Book of Discipline," in 1849, and in 1850 her "Directory for Worship," "Rules for Judicatories and Forms of order," exercises of power entirely incompatible with the position of the dissenters, that General Synod "is in its constitution founded entirely upon the will of its constituents," and that "the Presbyteries are the original bodies from which it derives its existence." Synod is indeed bound to respect the order of subordination in the inferior judicatories, and to encourage them to the due performance of all their own duties; but her powers, as the Supreme Judicatory of the Church, are derived from the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name she opens her various sessions, and proceeds to her appropriate business. She may, and often does, consult both Presbyteries and Sessions, in reference

to matters of interest; but this is done for information mainly, and she subsequently determines by her own authority. And hence, too, she is found not *dissolving* herself as a body, but meeting by her own adjournment. And,

3. The propriety of the ground here sustained, and the mistake of the dissenters from Synod's action now under review, appears from *her established usage in similar cases*. The only two cases having any analogy to that of Rev. W. Wilson, whose certificate was discredited, are those of Rev. R. M'Kee and Rev. J. Gill. The latter of these is referred to in page 6 of printed minutes, session 17. Mr. Gill had joined the *pro re nata* Synod, and as a consequence, his name had been stricken from the roll of the ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He seeks to return, and presents himself to the Supreme Judicatory. His case is heard; he is referred to the Western Subordinate Synod, on whose table he had laid his declinature. This inferior judicatory adjudicate his case, directs the Presbytery of Pittsburgh to give him a certificate of membership, and thus, according to the due order, he is restored to his position in the Church. In this case, the subordination of courts is respected, but General Synod exercises a control and direction over the whole procedure. Mr. Gill's first submission is to the General Synod, to whom he comes as a penitent and respectful petitioner, and he is re-admitted to the Church through the door of the bodies from which he had gone out. In the case of Rev. R. M'Kee, the parallel to that of Rev. W. Wilson is more distinctly marked. It is recorded on page 4 of printed minutes, session 16, and reads as follows:—"Some objections having been made to the sustaining of Rev. Robert M'Kee's certificate, he having been for a time with the *pro re nata* men, the consideration thereof was postponed till tomorrow." On the next day the following resolution was adopted:—"Resolved, That the Rev. R. M'Kee, professing to submit to the decision of this court, in the Lord, upon the subject of his connexion with the *pro re nata* men, be admitted to a seat in this court."

Here the General Synod proceeds to discredit the certificate presented, on the threshold,—leaves the individual as he was until the matter be examined, prescribes the terms of his admission, and then receives by virtue of her own authority. Thus she exercises entire control over her own membership. The power thus exercised has remained undisputed to the present moment. And it should not be disputed now as exercised in the analogous case of Rev. W. Wilson. Like Mr. M'Kee, Rev. W. Wilson had at least *sought* a connexion with the *pro re nata* body. Not obtaining such connexion, he had lived as an Independent for several months—he seeks, in a disorderly way, a re-introduction to the church from which he had gone out—Synod discredits the certificate by which he seeks admission, until his position be examined, and finding him to be out of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, leaves him in the position of his own choosing. The right of Synod to do all this is sustained by the precedents of the past. It illustrates her own character as the Supreme Judicatory to which all inferior courts owe subordination, and it ought not now to be disputed.

All these reasonings show that the theory of Synod's organization, propounded by Rev. T. C. Guthrie and his associates, is unfounded in fact, wrong in principle, and derogatory to the character of the Supreme Judicatory of the Church, to which belong all presbyterial powers.

The second reason of dissent is thus expressed:—"The decision of Synod in the case is contrary to its own uniform practice. There is not to be found in Synod's transactions a case to justify or sustain the present decision." And it is added, "the Crawford and M'Leod cases are presented to show our practice."

We have already seen that the above is an entirely mistaken assertion. From her organization to the present time, Synod has asserted and exercised her power to judge of and determine the qualifications of her own members.

Nor does any thing more strongly demonstrate this than the very cases quoted to sustain the opposite. This a single fact will show. The claims of Rev. S. W. Crawford, in 1833, to act as Moderator, and of Rev. J. N. M-Leod, to exercise the office of Assistant Clerk of Synod, when these rights were impeached by the seceding pro re nata men, were urged before Synod was opened, or any certificates were handed in. They came to Synod, in 1833, as officers of the previous Synod, now meeting by her own adjournment. The Moderator proceeds to the pulpit to open with a sermon on a subject prescribed, and by virtue of the authority derived from the Supreme Judicatory at its previous meeting. And the question of certificates was not raised until after the constitution. The cases quoted are evidences of the very opposite of that which they are brought to sustain.

Rev. Mr. Guthrie and his concurring dissenters are as mistaken in their facts as they are in their theories.

In the third and last reason dissenters say, "that the tendency of Synod's action is to alienate from one another brethren in Christ."

To this it may be sufficient to reply, that if such alienation exists, it is the disorder which Synod corrects that has produced it. The obligations entered into by every minister of the Church, at his ordination, bind him to follow no divisive courses, and to submit to all brotherly admonition in the Lord. This seemed to have been forgotten by the brethren who performed the act against which Rev. Dr. Black and others protested as disorderly, divisive, and calling for the review of the Supreme Judicatory. The Synod seeks to prevent alienation, and not produce it, by their well considered decision in this case. Let the brethren corrected submit in the Lord to the discipline dispensed, and the correction will be the means of unity, peace, and enlarged co-operation, while alienations will cease, God be glorified, and the Church rejoice.

And in conclusion, your Committee would remark, that in reasoning upon the right of General Synod to judge of and determine the qualifications of her own members, they have felt as if arguing a self-evident proposition. The right refused by dissenters to General Synod is claimed and exercised by every community in the land that acts under any form of arrangement, whether more or less perfect. It would seem that the time had arrived for a definition by Synod of her own character, which seems to be greatly mistaken, and this your Committee respectfully recommend to be done in the terms of this answer to reasons of dissent, which is now respectfully reported.

Signed,

THE COMMITTEE.

(Document C.)

Report of the Board of Missions.

In presenting to Synod a brief account of their operations during the past year, the Board of Missions feel it to be proper to acknowledge the Divine goodness in the preservation of their own lives, and the lives of all the missionaries, both foreign and domestic, who have been under their supervision. From various circumstances, the work intrusted to them has not been carried on with the energy or efficiency which were desirable, but evidences have not been wanting that the presence and blessing of God have been with them.

1. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The interesting report of the Saharanpur station, which has been published in the Banner, has given general information in regard to the condition of the foreign mission during the year which it covers. It is a cause of sincere gratitude that the dangerous and lingering illness of nearly all the members of the mission has not resulted in the death of any, except the infant child of Mr. Woodside. It is also a subject of much satisfaction that the native brethren, who have been appointed assistants in the mission, showed themselves so worthy of confidence, and proved so useful in this time of need.

We are happy to be able to report, that while some of the dregs of disease still linger, the missionaries have been restored to health so far as to be able to resume the discharge of their appropriate duties.

It is pleasing to be able to report, that the various departments of missionary labour are carried on with assiduity and success. The preaching of the gospel, as the great means of the conversion of the soul, occupies the most prominent place; and the pure doctrines of our holy religion are frequently and faithfully exhibited both to the European residents and the Mahomedan and Pagan natives. The department of education is now prosecuted with increased efficiency, Mr. Campbell having charge of the Orphan Institution, and Mr. Woodside of the English school. Portions of the scriptures, and also evangelical tracts, are widely but very judiciously distributed. The native teachers, under the direction of the missionaries, traverse the densely populated city and the surrounding districts. The bread is thus cast upon the waters, and in humble but unfaltering faith we await the fulfilment of the promise, that after many days we shall find it. Indications of a very cheering character are afforded that the leaven of divine truth is gradually pervading the community. Opposition is more feeble, and attention more respectful; and many are becoming acquainted with the elementary truths of the gospel, and the way is thus being prepared for a rapid development of grand results when the Spirit shall be poured out from on high, and thus this moral wilderness become as the garden of the Lord.

The state of the funds for the support of the foreign mission will appear by examination of the Treasurer's report. In regard to this subject, the Board would wish to call attention to the necessity of promptness and punctuality in the payment of the amounts required from the various Presbyteries for the support of the missionary brethren. In consequence of the great distance to which the money must be sent, it is requisite that drafts should be forwarded nearly a year before they are payable, and hence the money should be in the hands of our Treasurer so long a time before the salaries are due. It is very desirable that an effort should be made to pay *one year in advance*, which would require increased liberality only for the first year, while afterwards the payments of each year could be made as it arrives. This would prevent indebtedness to the General Assembly's Board, or the necessity of borrowing money to meet our obligations.

The Board have observed with great pleasure the interest taken by the youth of the church in the condition of the perishing heathen to whom our missionaries have been sent. Several Sabbath schools and Bible classes have made liberal contributions, and a number of young ladies have collected considerable sums. This gives a cheering prospect for the future, when those who are now engaged in sustaining this great work shall have passed away, and its support must depend on others. It is hoped that pastors, and parents, and teachers will direct the attention of the young to the duty and the privilege of thus promoting the divine glory, and advancing the present and the eternal welfare of man, so that "instead of the fathers may be the children," and Messiah may ever have a seed to serve him.

2. DOMESTIC OPERATIONS.

In the management of Domestic Missions, the Board have kept in view the principles announced in their last report, and have acted as far as possible through the various Presbyteries. The rule adopted at the meeting of the Board, held during the sessions of last Synod, requiring all applications for money to be attested by the proper presbyterial authorities, it is thought must prevent any difficulties in the settlement of accounts, although it may prove in some cases a little inconvenient to domestic missionaries, but even this, it is hoped, by proper attention may be avoided.

In surveying the field of operation presented to our domestic missionary

efforts, we are impressed with its extent, its destitution, and its promise. *Nova Scotia and New Brunswick*, in the north-east, still exhibit numerous places where proper attention would soon secure a permanent and prominent position for our church. The additional force employed there has led to the occupancy of additional stations, and still more help is needed. The *New England States*, in which are found so many of the Presbyterians of Ireland who would prefer the doctrines and order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to those of any of the Christian denominations around them, claim our attention, and would warmly welcome and sufficiently sustain our missionaries. The northern and western regions of New York, the north-eastern section of Pennsylvania, with the rapidly increasing chief city of that State, invite our efforts. Baltimore, where once we had a church with very favourable prospects, and which we might at present occupy with reasonable anticipation of great success, should receive prompt attention. The Pittsburgh Presbytery presents a number of promising stations. Several places in the lake counties of Ohio, and some of the inland towns of that State, offer great inducements to faithful missionary labour. Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa are full of promise. Tennessee, the only slaveholding State in which our church has retained a foothold, and St. Louis, destined to be a city of such vast importance and influence, demand our careful attention; and Oregon and California, for which, as yet, no missionary has been obtained, should not be forgotten or neglected. Multitudes of missionaries could find work enough to do in a land so extensive, and amidst a population so destitute of the means of grace, and yet so well disposed to receive and sustain the preacher of the gospel.

By a rule of Synod, domestic missionaries are required to report to the Board, in addition to their reports to Presbyteries. In order to obtain appropriate information, a formula of queries was prepared to be sent to all who were employed in domestic missionary service. Circumstances prevented the distribution of these queries previous to the meeting of Synod, and the reports received have been but few, and, with some commendable exceptions, not very full. We proceed, however, to give, as accurately as in our power, a brief account of the operations of each person who has been employed as a domestic missionary since the last meeting of Synod.

1. *Rev. E. Cooper.*—Mr. Cooper has been employed chiefly in the Ohio and Western Presbyteries.

2. *Rev. John Nevin.*—Mr. Nevin was engaged in the western parts of the church until his installation as pastor of the Second Reformed Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. An interesting report of his services may be found in the Banner of the Covenant for April last.

3. *Mr. Samuel P. Herron.*—Mr. Herron has been employed in the Western, Ohio, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia Presbyteries, according to the appointment of Synod.

4. *Mr. James Pearson* was employed in domestic missionary labour in the Western Presbytery until his ordination and installation as pastor of the church in Washington, Illinois, on the 18th of September, 1850.

5. *Mr. Robert Fee.*—Mr. Fee was employed in the Ohio Presbytery during the months of June and July, and in the Western until the month of November last, when he withdrew from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and his relation as a domestic missionary was consequently terminated.

6. *Mr. David Gillespie.*—Mr. Gillespie has been employed in missionary service in the Pittsburgh and Ohio Presbyteries.

7. *Mr. G. R. McMillan.*—Mr. McMillan has been engaged in the Ohio, Western, and Pittsburgh Presbyteries.

8. *Mr. John McMillan.*—Mr. John McMillan was employed in missionary duty in the Ohio and Pittsburgh Presbyteries until his departure for Europe, from which he has not yet returned.

9. *Mr. R. Burgess.*—Mr. Burgess has been labouring in Tennessee.

10. *Rev. D. M. M'Alcese.*—Mr. M'Alcese having continued his labours for some time in his former location in Canada, has not long since formed a connexion with another denomination, and his connexion with us has thus been terminated.

11. *Mr. W. S. Darragh.*—Mr. Darragh, after having been employed in missionary duty for about six months in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, was ordained by the Northern Presbytery, and has been supplying the Goose River congregation, from which he has accepted a call.

12. *Mr. Andrew R. Gailey.*—Mr. Gailey was also employed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and having accepted a call to the Chimoguee congregation in the latter province, he was ordained and installed February 5, 1851.

13. *Mr. J. W. Faires.*—Mr. Faires has been engaged during the year in the Philadelphia Presbytery, where he has supplied vacancies, and assisted in other congregations as far as circumstances permitted or required.

14. *Mr. David Kennedy.*—Mr. Kennedy was received under the care of the Pittsburgh Presbytery on the 29th of January last, and has since been employed in their bounds.

15. *Mr. Andrew Walker.*—Mr. Walker was received under the care of the Pittsburgh Presbytery on the 15th of November, 1850, and has since been employed in their bounds.

16. *Mr. James Scott.*—Mr. Scott was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery on the 30th of May, 1850, and has since been labouring within their bounds, with the exception of the time spent at the Seminary in Xenia.

17. *Mr. S. L. Finney.*—Mr. Finney was licensed by the Philadelphia Presbytery on December 31st, 1850, and has since been employed within their bounds.

18. *Mr. Robert Patterson.*—Mr. Patterson was licensed by the Philadelphia Presbytery on the 16th of May, 1851. He has been directed to supply the 5th church, Philadelphia, until he shall receive further appointments from Synod.

19. *Mr. Alexander G. M'Auley.*—Mr. M'Auley was licensed by the Northern Presbytery at their recent meeting, and remains at present in their bounds, subject to the direction of Synod.

The reports which have been given in from time to time by the domestic missionaries, show that they have been labouring with great zeal and efficiency, while yet their services are quite inadequate to supply all the urgent calls made for the preaching of the gospel. The Board hope that arrangements may be made for the supply of the important fields of labour which invite our efforts. The stations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, although they enjoy the services of two additional missionaries, still need further provision, and as the ministerial brethren extend their labours into places heretofore unoccupied, some assistance is appropriate and required. The Board recommend, in view of such additional labour, that \$150 be appropriated by Synod for that mission during the coming year, of which the respected senior missionary, who has so long endured hardness in the cause of Christ, and still makes so many sacrifices of personal ease and pecuniary advantages, shall receive \$100; while the younger brethren, to whom the more affluent portions of the field have been assigned, shall each receive \$25. The Board would also recommend that an effort be made by the Philadelphia Presbytery to re-establish a church in Baltimore, and that the churches under the care of that Presbytery give such pecuniary assistance as may be requisite for this purpose. The Board would also suggest that the Ohio Presbytery should undertake a mission in some of the important cities on the lakes, which should receive such an appropriation as might be requisite. The station at St. Louis, which, from various circumstances, has been abandoned for the present, is

still regarded with deep interest; and it is hoped that such arrangements may yet be made as will lead to its resuscitation, and successful prosecution. The attention of the Board has been called also to the promising prospects presented at the town of Dundee, in northern Illinois, where Rev. James Pearson has been actively engaged in commencing a missionary station. This place, and several others in northern Illinois, and the adjacent parts of Wisconsin, appear to require only a little assistance in order to be soon self-sustaining congregations.

It appears, however, to the Board that what the Church especially requires is a well instructed, diligent, and self-denying ministry, and they trust that prayer will be made continually that the Redeemer may send such faithful labourers to cultivate his vineyard: nor can we doubt that all who willingly offer themselves to the good work, and who discharge their duties with the proper spirit and in the proper manner, will be abundantly sustained.

(Document D.)

REPORT OF TREASURER, FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

George H. Stuart, Treasurer Synod's Board of Missions, Reformed Presbyterian Church.

1850.	DR.	
May 20.	To balance as reported to Synod,	\$55 52
	SUPPORT OF MISSIONARIES.— <i>Northern Presbytery.</i>	
	To cash from Rev. Dr. M'Leod's congregation,	200 00
	“ “ A. G. Wylie's “	40 00
	“ William Cunningham, . . .	10 00
	“ William Mathews, 1849 & '50,	20 00
	“ Joseph M'Kee, “	20 00
	“ a friend in Newburgh, . . .	22 00
		312 00
	<i>Philadelphia Presbytery.</i>	
	To cash from Rev. J. A. Crawford's congregation,	32 15
	“ “ Dr. Crawford's “	25 00
	“ “ W. Sterrett's “	25 00
	“ 5th Reformed “	7 00
	“ Dr. Wylie's cong. and Sabbath School,	502 46
	“ Ditto, for 1851, . . .	500 00
		1091 61
	<i>Pittsburgh Presbytery.</i>	
	To cash from Rev. John Douglas' cong., .	75 00
	“ Charles Arbuthnot, Pittsburgh, .	10 00
		85 00
	<i>Ohio Presbytery.</i>	
	To cash from Rev. H. M'Millan's cong., .	25 00
	“ Xenia “	25 00
	“ Rev. G. M'Millan's “ .	24 00
	“ “ Dr. Heron's “ .	5 50
		79 50
	<i>Western Presbytery.</i>	
	To cash from Rev. S. Wylie's congregation, .	24 00
	“ “ J. M'Master's “ .	28 50
	“ “ A. M. Stewart's “ .	10 00
		62 50
	<i>Scholarship Account.</i>	
Sep. 9.	To cash Sundry subscriptions for purchase of books for Library in India, . . .	21 00

Oct. 29.	To cash Juv. Miss. Soc., Rev. A. Clarke's Bible Class, on account of scholarship, .	16 00	
1851.			
Mar. 17.	" Xenia congregation for Scholarship, .	25 00	
			62 00
1850.	<i>General Fund.</i>		
Sept. 12.	To cash from Juv. Miss. Soc., Eastern R. P. Synod, Ireland,	85 82	
1851.	<i>Banner of the Covenant.</i>		
May 2,	To cash received from Subscribers to date,	700 50	
1851.			2534 45
May 10.	To balance in Treasury,	23 73	
1850.	CONTRA.		
	<i>Missionaries' Salaries.</i>		
June 21.	By cash paid General Assembly's Board of Missions on acct. salary Rev. Jas. R. Campbell, John S. Woodside, and Joseph Caldwell, .	900 00	
Dec. 26.	" Ditto ditto, in full for year ending 1st Dec. 1850,	900 00	
			1800 00
	<i>Scholarship Account.</i>		
Sept. 9.	By cash paid for books for the use of Mission School, Saharanpur,	109 60	
1851.	<i>Banner of the Covenant.</i>		
May 2.	By cash paid for publishing, and expenses to date, .	601 12	
" 10.	" balance,	23 73	
			2534 45

E. E.—*Philadelphia, May 10th, 1851.*

The subscribers, the auditing committee appointed by Synod, having examined the preceding report, have found it to be correct, the balance in the Treasury being twenty-three dollars and seventy-three cents.

HENRY STERLING, }
JOSEPH FLEMING. } *Auditing Committee.*

(Document E.)

REPORT OF TREASURER, FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

George H. Stuart, Treasurer for Domestic Missions, Reformed Presbyterian Church.

1850.	DR.		
May 20.	To balance as per last report to Synod,	\$122 65	
	<i>Philadelphia Presbytery.</i>		
To cash from Rev. Dr. Wylie's congregation,		100 00	
" " Dr. Crawford's "		20 00	
" " Wm. Sterret's "		10 00	
" " R. J. Black's "		7 50	
" 5th Reformed,		21 00	
" ditto, reported as paid Messrs. Fleming, Clark, and Stewart,		24 00	
" Rev. J. A. Crawford's congregation,		9 00	
			191 50

Ohio Presbytery.

To cash from Rev. H. McMillan's congregation, . . .	8 00
“ “ “ reported,	32 00
“ Beech Woods' “ “	15 50
“ Garrison “ “	3 50
“ Xenia “ “	20 00
	<hr/> 79 00

Western Presbytery.

To cash from Rev. S. Wylie's cong., per receipts S. P. Herron and G. R. McMillan, . . .	32 40
“ J. McMaster's congregation, . . .	28 50
“ H. A. McKelvey's “ per S. P. Herron,	5 00
“ A. M. Stewart's “ per Rev. J. Nevin,	3 00
“ S. Wylie's “ “	17 00
“ H. A. McKelvey's “ “	10 00
“ Salem “ “	12 60
“ Monmouth “ “	6 00
“ Washington “ “	12 00
“ H. Saunders, Racine, “	2 00
“ Jeremiah Smyth, Linn co., Iowa, “	12 00
“ Robert Mathews, Hill Prairie, “	6 00
“ Mr. Arday, Elk Horn, “	6 00
“ Grand Cote cong., “	26 00
“ Rev. G. M. Lamb's cong., . . .	10 00
“ “ S. Wylie's “ . . .	2 00
	<hr/> 190 50

Bibles for Nova Scotia.

To cash from a lady,	5 00
	<hr/> 588 65

1851.

May 10. To balance in Treasury,	143 75
E. E.—Philadelphia, May 10th, 1851.	

1850.

CONTRA.

Northern Presbytery.

July 2. By Rev. John Nevin in full for Missionary services, <i>Philadelphia Presbytery.</i>	68 50
Oct. 30. By Rev. J. B. Finlay for services,	6 00
Nov. 19. “ Alex. Clarke, to aid in Nova Scotia,	70 00
“ “ W. S. Darragh “	15 00
“ “ A. R. Gailey “	15 00
Dec. 6. “ Jas. Fleming reported as paid by 5th chur.,	6 00
“ “ Alex. Clarke “ “	6 00
“ “ Mr. Stewart “ “	12 00
	<hr/> 130 00

Pittsburgh Presbytery.

May 20. By Mr. Robt. A. Fee, for balance due for services,	9 00
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1851.

Ohio Presbytery.

April 22. By Rev. H. McMillan reported as paid him,	12 00
“ “ G. McMillan “	12 00
“ “ Dr. Heron “	6 00
“ “ R. A. Fee “	12 00
“ “ 6 Sabbaths Clinton Co. Station,	18 00
“ “ J. S. Scott “	11 00
	<hr/> 71 00

Western Presbytery.

Oct. 25.	By Mr. S. P. Herron paid him in full,	21 00
Nov. 25.	“ “ “ paid by Rev. S. Wylie's cong.	22 00
	“ Mr. G. R. McMillan “ “	10 40
1851.		
Jan. 28.	“ Mr. S. P. Herron “ H. A. McKelvey's “	5 00
Feb. 14.	“ Rev. Mr. Nevin paid him,	108 00
		166 40
May 10.	By balance in Treasury,	143 75
		588 65

The subscribers, the auditing committee, appointed by Synod, having examined the preceding report, have found it to be correct.

HENRY STERLING, } *Auditing Committee.*
JOSEPH FLEMING, }

Pittsburgh, May 29th, 1851.

(Document F.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

George H. Stuart, Treasurer of General Synod of Reformed Church.

DR.

SEMINARY FUND.—*Northern Presbytery.*

To cash from Rev. Dr. McLeod's congregation,	\$50 00
“ A. G. Wylie's “	20 00
“ R. A. Hill's “	10 00
“ D. J. Paterson's “	5 00
“ A. Clarke's “	5 00
“ W. S. Darragh's “	5 00
“ Simpson Fund,	30 00
	125 00

Philadelphia Presbytery.

To cash from Rev. Dr. Wylie's congregation,	75 00
“ W. Sterrett's “ for 1849,	10 00
“ Robert McCoy,	5 00
	90 00

Pittsburgh Presbytery.

To cash from Rev. T. C. Guthrie's congregation,	6 00
	6 00

Western Presbytery.

To cash from Rev. M. Harshaw's congregation, '49-'50	5 00
“ H. H. McKelvey's “	5 00
“ J. M. Master's “	5 00
“ A. M. Stewart's “	3 00
“ J. W. Morrison's “	5 00
	23 00

Total Receipt for Seminary, 244 00

Testimony and Book of Discipline.

To cash for copies sold, 110 63

Directory for Worship.

To cash for copies sold, 47 38

“ extra minutes, 3 12

Balance due Treasurer, 242 00

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1850.	CONTRA.	
May 20. By balance due Treasurer, as per report to Synod,		\$281 34
	<i>Testimony and Book of Discipline.</i>	
June 12. By cash paid for freight on case to Xenia, containing testimony,		4 17
	<i>Directory for Worship.</i>	
Nov. 21. By cash paid freight and portorage on box from New York with Directory,		62
Dec. 31. By cash paid R. Craighead, for printing and binding Directory,		61 00
		61 62
1851.	<i>Seminary Fund.</i>	
March 14. By cash paid Rev. Dr. Wylie, senior professor, for Session, '50 and '51,		300 00
		647 13
1851.		
May, By balance due Treasurer,		\$242 00

The subscribers, the auditing committee, appointed by Synod, having examined the preceding report, have found it to be correct; the balance due the Treasurer being two hundred and forty-two dollars.

HENRY STERLING, } *Auditing Committee.*
JOSEPH FLEMING, }

REPORT ON THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY FIELD IN NOVA SCOTIA AND
NEW BRUNSWICK.

[Presented by Rev. A. Clarke at the request of the Board.]

In relation to the field in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, it is necessary that the Board should know more fully the circumstances of its several parts.

Chimoguee congregation, which is in N. B., has about 90 communicants, including Bay De Verte, ten miles from the settlement, and the greater Chimoguee, which is about five miles distant. The engagement of the congregation is to give the minister the per diem, while among them. A portion of this engagement is to be paid in the produce of the country. In the immediate neighbourhood of Chimoguee there is no other ministry, and with vigour and energy, on the part of the minister, and the Divine blessing, this congregation will soon be flourishing. The body of the communicants is scattered over a surface of about twelve by ten miles.

In Goose River congregation there are nearly as many communicants, but much more concentrated than are those of Chimoguee. Eight miles distant there is one of the best harbours for ships in the British provinces. Very few of the members of the church reside near this harbour, but some do. Could visits of one of our ministers to that harbour be sustained, the results might be important. In a new settlement, near the mouth of River Philip, there are a few members and adherents of this congregation. They wish to have preaching in their own settlement, but have no house of worship; and, the distance to the meeting-house, at present, ranges from ten to twelve miles. Their mode of sustaining the ministry is the same as mentioned above, and the same mode extends to the whole field. Other openings in the neighbourhood might be made, and the congregation extended. The per diem has been promised here, also, but not without aid for the present from the presbytery.

Distant from the house of worship at Chimoguee, the senior missionary resides about thirty-eight miles, and twenty from that of Goose River. The

field occupied by the senior missionary embraces a surface yet of not less than twenty miles each way. At the coal mines by the Bay of Fundy, twenty-three miles distant, River Hebert, eighteen miles distant, Nappan eighteen and Amherst three miles distant, within the province of Nova Scotia, he preaches regularly. Occasional visits are made to other remote places in the province. Sackville and Jolecure, in New Brunswick, are also regularly visited about once every four weeks. The former is distant from the residence of the missionary fourteen miles, and the latter not much less. They are seven miles apart. River Hebert and the mines, five miles apart, are visited on the same day; Nappan and Amherst, six miles apart, on the same day; and Sackville and Jolecure, seven miles apart, are always visited on the same sabbath day. The severity of this labour must be at once apparent, even under the mildest climate. Yet, this labour has to be met if the thermometer should indicate 30 degrees below zero. The six places of regular visitation do not average above 10 communicants each. Two houses of worship are owned by the mission in this field, in which, together with the now demitted charges, the senior missionary has laboured without call, and without aid, from 1828 till the time of his connexion with this Synod. On all these stations the presbyterian community is but a small minority, and the labours of the minister are aided by many who do not constitute any part of our church membership. The senior missionary having laboured so long a time in this field, finds himself unable to meet it much longer, and, therefore, wishes to withdraw from the service.

(Document I.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SEMINARY OF THE WEST.

J. C. M-Millan in account with Seminary of the West.

1851.	DR.	
May.	To cash from Rev. J. M-Master's cong.,	\$14 00
"	" " G. M-Millan's "	8 00
"	" " Dr. Heron's "	2 35
"	" " H. M-Millan's "	12 00
"	" " Richland "	1 50
"	" " D. M-Millan and others of Xenia,	35 00
	Amount received,	73 35
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	By amount paid Dr. M-Master,	73 35
	ADDITIONAL REPORT.	
	Cash from Rev. A. W. Black's cong.,	10 00
	" " G. Scott's "	10 00
	Balance in Treasury,	20 00

J. C. M-MILLAN, *Treasurer.*

Pittsburgh, May 29th, 1851.

The subscribers, the auditing committee appointed by Synod, have examined the preceding report and find it correct, there being a balance of twenty dollars to be added as transferred from the Library account, according to the direction of the donors.

HENRY STERLING, } *Auditing Committee.*
JOSEPH FLEMING. }

Pittsburgh, May 29th, 1851.

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